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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the remarks which follow. The changes to the claims are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2004

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 770	2001 385			Utility filing fee	\$
1002 340	2002 170			Design filing fee	\$
1003 530	2003 265			Plant filing fee	\$
1004 770	2004 385			Reissue filing fee	\$
1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	\$

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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	x	18.00	= \$
Multiple Dependent Claims	x	86.00	= \$
			290.00 = \$ 0.00

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9			Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43			Independent Claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43			** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2)** \$ —

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1053 130	2053 65			Non-English specification	\$
1812 2,520	2052 2,520			For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	\$
18042 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252 420	2252 210			Extension for reply within second month	\$
1253 950	2253 475			Extension for reply within third month	\$
1254 1,480	2254 740			Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
1255 2,010	2255 1,005			Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
1401 330	2401 165			Notice of Appeal	\$
1402 330	2402 165			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403 280	2403 140			Request for oral hearing	\$
1451 1,510	1452 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	\$
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1453 1,330	2453 665			Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1501 1,330	2501 665			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
1502 480	2502 240			Design issue fee	\$
1503 640	2503 320			Plant issue fee	\$
1460 130	1460 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
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123 50	123 50			Petitions related to provisional applications	\$
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